[President.]

It is of course a definite matter. But, whether it is also a matter of urgent public importance, I am not quite sure. However, as there are persons who would wish to ventilate their grievances on the floor of this House, I shall not refuse opportunity for the discussion of this subject. I shall allow the motion, if no objection is taken to it.

The question was put, and no objection was raised.

No objection being raised, the motion was posted for discussion on Tuesday the 23rd July 1935 at 3-30 P. M.

PRESIDENT: There are two other motions. One is—

> "I beg leave to move that the business of the Assembly be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance *viz.*, the great loss and hardships to which the land-owners in Travancore are put by the unprecedentedly large number of auction sales that have already taken place and those for which steps are now being taken, for the recovery of the arrears of taxes under the Revenue Recovery Regulation."

It seems to me again that the motion that has already been admitted would give ample opportunity for all the members of the House to bring forward all the aspects relating to the hardships from which the landholders are suffering. I therefore think that it is not necessary to admit this motion separately.

Then the last one is about the drastic coercive steps taken by the authorities for the realisation of Government dues during the period of acute economic depression and so on. This again is more or less an issue which will arise on the general discussion on Monday on the motion which has been admitted. That again is disallowed.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

PRESIDENT: I have to announce that, under Rule 3 (2) of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I have nominated Messrs. A. S. Damodaran Asan and M. Sivatanu Pillai to the Panel of Chairmen for the sixth session of the Assembly.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

TAXES ON INCOME.

PRESIDENT: The next item on the agenda is Financial Business—Demands for Supplementary Grants. Owing to the absence of Mr. George, to which I have already referred, I call upon the Chief Secretary to move the demand.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 700 under Taxes on Income. The House is aware that two Income Tax Collectors have been appointed in the course of this year. The funds for the appointments were provided in the Budget, but there was no provision for the supply of the furniture required by them. The order for the furniture was placed with the Public Works Department workshops and the articles have been supplied There is no allotment in the Budget from which this amount could be met; and the Land Revenue Commissioner has therefore asked for an

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additional grant of Rs. 700 to meet the expenditure. It was placed before the Finance Committee and was passed by that Committee. The articles of furniture, as I said, have already been supplied by the workshops and the amount is required for payment to the workshops which will be done by book adjustment. I hope that the House will allow this small grant.

PRESIDENT: Moved that the supplementary grant for Rs. 700 be made under Taxes on Income for the supply of furniture for the use of the Income Tax Collectors, Trivandrum and Alleppey.

The grant was made.

CO-OPERATIVE DEPARTMENT.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 100 for the payment of remuneration to the Co-operative Inspector who was entrusted with the work of translating the Devadhar Committee Report into Malayalam. The Malayalam translation has been printed and copies, I believe, have been placed in the hands of such of the members of the House as desired them.

In discussing this demand for a supplementary grant, the House has been permitted to discuss the Report itself. I may state, for the information of the House, that the Committee was composed of 5 non-officials and 2 officials and was therefore predominantly non-official in character. The recommendations of the Committee were the result of a close inspection of a large number of societies throughout the State, a careful examination of a very large number of witnesses who were actually working in the co-operative field and a careful study of the very valuable suggestions tendered to the President by some of the leading co-operators in the town of Trivandrum. The recommendations are already engaging the serious attention of the Government; and the Government are anxious to have the valuable opinion of this House before they arrive at any decision in respect of these recommendations.

I shall now content myself by referring to some of the most important and major recommendations in the Committee's Report. I consider the second part of the Report —

PRESIDENT: The question now before the House is the translation of the Report into the Malayalam. Everything that is relevant to that issue alone need be explained to the House. This is not yet the stage when the recommendations of the Committee are under discussion.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*): Sir, I request the House kindly to pass this small grant of Rs. 100.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I rise to a point of order. It is stated that on this demand the President will allow a discussion on the Co-operative Enquiry Committee Report. I wish to know whether that discussion is sought to be allowed now.

PRESIDENT: Only if the House passes the grant.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then may I know what is the motion that remains to be discussed ?

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